Servilius, now before the gods, I am not able to do't; the more beast, I say;—I was sending to use lord Timon myself, these gentlemen can witness; but I would not, for the wealth of Athens, I had done it now. Commend me bountifully to his good lordship ; and I hope, his honour will conceive the fairest of me, because I have no power to be kind : —And tell him this from me, I count it one of my greatest afflictions, say, that I cannot pleasure such an honourable gentleman. Good Servilius, will you befriend me so far, as to use mine own words to him ?

SER. Yes, sir, I shall.

Luc. I will look you out a good turn, Servilius.—

[Exit SERVILIUS.

True, as you said, Timon is shrunk, indeed; And he, that's once denied, will hardly speed.

[Exit Lucius.

1 *STRAN.* Do you observe this, Hostilius[7] ?

author's manner. * By purchasing what brought me but little honour, I have lost the more honourable opportunity of supplying the wants of my friend.' Dr. Farmer, however, suspects a quibble between *honour* in its common acceptation, and *honour* (i. e. the *lordship* of a place,) in a legal sense. See Jacob's Dictionary.

STEEVENS.

I am neither satisfied with the amendments proposed, or with Steevens's explanation of the present reading; and have little doubt but we should read [e]' purchase for a little *port*" instead of *part,* and the meaning will be—" How unlucky was I to have purchased but the day before, out of a little vanity, and by that means disabled myself from doing an honourable action." *Port* means *show,* or *magnificence.* M. MASON.

I believe Dr. Johnson's reading is the true one. I once suspected the phrase " purchase^?"/" but a more attentive examination of our author's works and those of his contemporaries, has shown me the folly of suspecting corruptions in the text, merely because it exhibits a different phraseology from that used at this day, MALONE.

7 Do you observe this, Hostilius ?] I am willing to believe,
for the sake of metre, that our author wrote:
*[f] Observe you this, Hostilius ?
" Ay, too well."